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Civic duty: Fulfilling your tax obligation

America's service men and women rely on the taxes paid by each American citizen to provide the training and equipment they need to defend America. Each service member and Defense civilian employee must also pay their part of the bill as citizens.

For more than 95 percent of those people serving America's Armed Forces and the Department of Defense, paying taxes is just another civic duty done with pride accurately and on time. However, more than 4 percent have some type of Federal tax delinquency in the form of balance owed and/or an unfiled tax return. If left unresolved, these individuals face collection with interest, disciplinary and legal actions.

The Internal Revenue Service is prepared to assist in meeting tax obligations. Call the IRS toll free at 1-800-829-1040 for assistance with filing returns or resolving any balanced owed. Forms, publications and additional information is available at <http://www.irs.gov>.

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